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Dear Bettie,

At the risk of offending your friend, which is not my intention, I must report that, aside from a few ably and well-worked cracks, "Thunder Lost Soul" is nothing. I doubt if the author has read the Report and it would seem he has had less connection with the 26 volumes that the garlic wafted over the stew. He has basic names wrong, like he taped stuff off the air and reused it, together with what he read elsewhere. For example, aside from the proper names of people, there is "Berkley" Street for where Oswald lived, Beckley. His use of elaborate footnotes at some points and the total absence of any at other places is indicative of unoriginal work. This would seem to be the difference between sources, if they were printed, or could be the difference between printed sources and those he heard.

It is wrong in a number of instances, and about the kinds of things those really knowing the subject would not be wrong about (unless they just didn't care, and I have to acknowledge that as a possibility).

As you may have realized, much of it is, shall I say, "familiar" to me, including a number of things that appear in the work of no others.

In order to reach this opinion, I did take the time to read more than half of it. That is more than what was required to convince me. I went further to be able to assure you. The book is not worth any more time.

If you ever find any copies, I'd like to have one just for completeness of my files.

I am sorry there has to be such on our side. That it is effective is not enough. It should be accurate. Too often it isn't.

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